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1. The class of 1928 was called up in 1948, and the bulk of it arrived in Germany in 1948 and 1949, although some members were still arriving in 1950 and 1951. A few of the class of 1928 were demobilized from September to December 1951. Soldiers going back to the USSR left in groups of two or three at a time; after the first formal send-off, there was no ceremony. Although told that they were being demobilized, and having tickets to their home towns, they travelled on leave trains. There were rumors that the remainder of the 1928 class was to be demobilized in the autumn of 1952. Soviet officers stated that this might be expected, but that there was no reason to slacken preparedness as there might be an alert at any time. There were not even rumors of the demobilization of other classes.
2. In May 1950, remnants of the 1928 and 1929 classes arrived in Germany in two batches.
3. In the autumn of 1950 the class of 1930 arrived, some going direct to Born and some to Magdeburg. Many of the 1930 class were allotted to specialized training immediately; but [] issued orders that they must first be trained as infantry, so the order for specialized training was cancelled. [] this is still in effect.

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4. In the summer of 1951 the remnants of the classes of 1929 and 1930 and most of the class of 1931 arrived in Germany, [REDACTED] 25X1
5. In the autumn of 1951 the class of 1932 arrived in Germany.
6. An unusually large number of the 1931 class were sent to Born as tank drivers, but the 1932 class was divided among the various specialties in the normal manner.

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